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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office action mailed June 20, 2005, Applicants hereby propose to amend the claims and otherwise respond as follows. This amendment may be properly entered as it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. It is believed that there are no fees associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment, however, should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.

Please amend the application as follows: